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November 9, 2005

Mr. Byron Merrell  
Rawhide Mining, LC  
2344 East 3500 South  
Vernal, Utah 84078

Subject: Release of Obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act,  
Rawhide Mining, Rawhide Pilot Plant, M/047/076, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Merrell:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining hereby releases your pilot plant from further obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. We have determined the plant does not fall within the definition of "mining operations" within the Act or the R647 rules.

On February 26, 2004, the Division received from you a Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, and this notice did include operations that the Division would regulate. On April 20, 2004, the Division sent a review of the Large Mine Notice but never received a reply. Since the 2005-2006 permit fees have not been paid, the Division considers the notice to be withdrawn and we will close our file for this proposed project.

If you have questions about this letter, please contact Paul Baker at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely,

Susan M. White  
Mining Program Coordinator  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: John Blake, SITLA